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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP SUSTAINABLE ARLINGTON
 FEBRUARY 18, 2010 MEETING Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: John Bean, Shelly Dein, Elizabeth Karpati, Satish Katpally, Ryan Katofsky, Shannon Koenig, David Landskov, Chris Loreti, Linda Malik, Gail McCormick, Brucie Moulton, Scott Samenfild, Lisa Weil.
 Facilitator: Satish Katpally Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: Wed. March 17, Wed. April 21, Wed. May 19, Thurs. June 17, Tues. July 20,
 Wed. Aug. 18, Thurs. Sept. 23, Wed. Oct. 20, Thurs. Nov. 18, Wed. Dec. 15.
 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Annex, First Floor.

John Bean on PAYT (Pay As You Throw):

- Town Meeting 2009 asked the Town Manager for recommendations on a revenue-neutral PAYT system. He favors continuing single-stream recycling and adding PAYT at 50 cents per bag. Communities using PAYT have usually seen a 20-25% reduction in trash volume (i.e. in disposal costs which are paid from taxes).
- Details to be worked out include: distribution of bags (Town could arrange with certain stores to sell them); trash that doesn't fit into bags (like a broken chair); trash from apartment buildings and condos.
- Still under consideration: going to an automated collection system with a mechanical arm reaching out from the truck to grab the trash. Newton's system requires using wheeled barrels costing homeowners about \$40.
- Going to PAYT with a higher cost per bag could bring in revenue to reduce the need for cutting other services.
- SA can advocate for PAYT and educate about ways to reduce generating trash.
- [Note recent news reports about trash being dumped on Boston streets at night, allegedly by people from surrounding communities having PAYT.]

Committee reports:

- Website committee is working on making it possible to do committee work on website.
- A search of industrial-zoned parcels found none that are big enough for 250 kwh ground-mounted solar panels. But they could be installed over some parking lots (still classified as ground-mounted). The Redevelopment Board is holding a hearing on this on March 8.
- Green Communities Act: There is an e-mail list of Town Meeting members – it could be used to send them a fact sheet, or one could be put on their seats at town Meeting. [Some new members will be elected in April.] GCA would require the Town to monitor its energy use; high school students could be recruited, or SA members could volunteer, to help.

SA Structure – *nominated/proposed or volunteered; voting at March meeting.

- President -- *Charlotte Milan
 - Vice-president –Gail McCormick
 - Treasurer –
 - Secretary – Elizabeth Karpati
 - MCAN interface -- *Deanne Dupont;
- David Landskov will help
- Town interface – Shelly Dein,
- Ryan Katofsky
- Vision 2020 interface – E. Karpati
 - Composting project – Gail McCormick
 - Finance – (fill as needed)
 - GCA project – Lisa Weil
 - Outreach -- Brucie Moulton
 - Town Day – Lisa Weil
 - Website – Scott Samenfild